

## General Assembly

## **Amendment**

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Offered by:

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To: House Bill No. **5921** File No. 477 Cal. No. 273

## "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF LAND BANKS."

- Strike section 2 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2011) (a) Any two or more
- 4 municipalities within the same planning region of the state, as defined
- 5 by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or said
- 6 secretary's designee pursuant to section 8-31a of the general statutes,
- 7 may, by concurrent resolutions duly adopted by the legislative bodies
- 8 of each municipality, establish a regional land bank authority. Such
- 9 authority shall be established under the name and style of "the ... land
- 10 bank authority", with some identifying phrase inserted. The area of
- 11 operation of such authority shall be coterminous with the boundaries
- 12 of its member municipalities.
- 13 (b) The resolutions adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this
- section shall specify (1) the number of representatives to be appointed
- at any time for full terms of office, (2) the process by which any

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member municipality may withdraw from the authority, and (3) any restrictions on the exercise of the powers granted to the authority pursuant to section 3 of this act. Such resolutions shall also provide bylaws for the conduct of business by the authority.

- (c) The managing body of the authority shall be a board that shall be charged with carrying out the corporate purposes and powers of the authority. After the resolutions adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section take effect, the legislative bodies of the member municipalities shall appoint the representatives to the land bank authority board. The qualification, terms of office for the original representatives and their successors and compensation, if any, of such representatives shall be prescribed by the legislative body of each member municipality.
- (d) Upon appointment of its representatives, the board shall organize, select its chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the representatives on said board and proceed to consider those matters that have been recommended to it by the member municipalities. The board may hold such meetings and public hearings as it deems desirable and the powers of the authority shall be vested in the representatives thereof in office from time to time. A majority of the entire authorized number of representatives of the board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting thereof. Actions may be taken, motions voted and resolutions adopted by the board at any meeting of the board by vote of a majority of the representatives present, unless in any case the bylaws of the authority shall require a larger number for adoption.
- (e) After the creation of an authority pursuant to this section, any other municipality in the same planning region as the member municipalities may join the authority if (1) such municipality files with the authority a resolution, duly adopted by its legislative body, requesting to join such authority, and (2) the legislative body of each member municipality duly adopts a resolution approving membership of such municipality in the authority.

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(f) The authority shall not (1) enter into any contract for sale, lease or other transfer of real property, or (2) borrow any money or issue any bonds or notes without prior authorization by the legislative bodies of the member municipalities."

- Strike lines 62 to 66, inclusive, in their entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:
- "Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) Any regional land bank authority established pursuant to section 2 of this act shall constitute a public body corporate and politic, and in furtherance of its purpose shall be deemed to be exercising an essential governmental function and shall have the following powers, subject to any restrictions established by the member municipalities in the resolutions adopted pursuant to section 2 of this act:"